

Crockery Township

Regular Planning Commission Meeting

May 16, 2023

Approved Minutes

Chairman Bill Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Ryan Kelly, Dave Meekhof, Jon Overway, Bill Sanders, and Mike Munch present. Planner Julie Lovelace, Fresh Coast Planning, was present on behalf of the Township. Paige Silva was present as Recording Secretary.

Commissioners Roy Holmes and Ryan Arends were absent.

There were five persons seated in the public gallery.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda

Approved as submitted.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the April 18, 2023, Regular Planning Commission Meeting. **A motion** was made to approve the minutes, as written, by Commissioner Ryan Kelly. A second was offered by Commissioner Mike Munch. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item 4. Announcements

Commissioner Kelly gave a brief update of the Clean-Up Day turnout for Spring 2023. Bill Mastenbrook will be Fire Chief beginning July 1 and current Fire Chief John Kriger will be stepping down from his position. The Township is undergoing an update to the entryway. Paige Silva is acting as Recording Secretary for the first time.

Agenda Item 5. Communications

None.

Agenda Item 6. Public Comment

Chairman Bill Sanders asked for public comment, none was offered.

Agenda Item 7. Action Items

None.

Agenda Item 8. Discussion Items

A. Oversized Accessory Building.

Chairman Bill Sanders asked for public comment, none was offered.

The Commission discussed the proposed language and felt it simplified the current ordinance, while also requiring a review of oversized accessory buildings greater than 4,800 square feet.

The Planning Commission felt this issue and the language developed for oversized accessory buildings within the Township was ready for the Board to consider.

Commissioner Ryan Kelly made a **motion** to recommend to the Township Board the Ordinance Amendment regarding oversized accessory buildings within the Township be approved. A second was offered by Commissioner Dave Meekhof. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the motion.

B. Sign Ordinance.

The Commission discussed and reviewed in depth the commercial and industrial zoning ordinance regarding signs. The Commission felt that Interstate 96 creates a unique space for commercial businesses where signs are desired to be larger to attract attention. The Commission determined to speak further in depth solely regarding signs which property abuts the right-of-way of the Interstate.

The Commission determined the Township should not limit the number of wall signs in the ordinance, but only the total square footage

The basis on which maximum sign size was discussed and maximum dimensions were determined.

Ms. Lovelace will develop additional language for discussion and review in this matter.

Chairman Bill Sanders asked for public comment, none was offered.

Agenda Item 10. Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mike Munch at 8:32 P.M. A second was offered by Commissioner Ryan Kelly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon C. Overway, Secretary
Crockery Township Planning Commission

Next Regular Meeting - June 20, 2023
Next Special Meeting - TBD